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SC PRES HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING ADVANCE TEXT OF
LEBANESE COMPLAINT ON ISRAELI RAIDS, WHICH WILL BE FORMALLY
CIRCULATED TO SC MEMBERS LATE MAY 17.

QUOTE

MR. PRESIDENT,

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVT, I HAVE THE HONOR TO BRING TO
YOUR ATTENTION THE FOLLOWING:

THE INK HAS NOT DRIED YET ON RES NO. 347 OF APRIL 24, 1974,
IN WHICH THE SC HAS CONDEMNED "ISRAEL'S VIOLATION OF LEBANON'S
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY" AND CALLED "ONCE MORE
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ON THE GOVT OF ISRAEL TO REFRAIN FROM FURTHER MILITARY ACTIONS AND THREATS AGAINST LEBANON".

THE ISRAELI GOCT HAS ONCE MORE SWUNG INTO A MURDEROUS AND BARBARIC RAMPAGE AGAINST LEBANON.

ON THE 16TH OF MAY, 1974 SEVERAL FORMATIONS OF THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE HAVE ATTACKED IN TWO MAJOR RAIDS SEVERAL LEBANESE TOWNS, VILLAGES AND PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS RUN BY THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES, SITUATED IN THE AREAS OF AL-NABATIEH, AIN AL-HELWEH NEAR SIDON, RACHAYA AL-FAKHAR, AL-KORAYBI, MAHROUNNAH AND MAAROUFIEH SITUATED NEAR BEIRUT.

THE ATTACK TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 16.15 AND 18:30. THE PLANES BOMBED AND STRAFED SEVERAL POPULATED AND DFENSELESS LOCATIONS, RAINING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION. IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE UNTIL NOW TO DETERMINE THE FINAL COUNT OF CASUALTIES AND THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE. HOWEVER, IT IS KNOWN THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED IS OVER 40 AND OF THOSE WOUNDED OVER 180. 41 HOUSES OCCUPIED BY LEBANESE CIVILIANS WERE DESTROYED, AND 21 DAMGED.

THE REFUGEE CAMPS AT AIN AL-HELWEH AND SPECIALLY AT AL-NABATIEH HAVE SUFFERED EXTENSIVE AND DEVASTATING DAMAGES. THE MAJORITY OF THE REFUGEES HAD BECOME HOMELESS AND WITTOUT SHELTER. TELEPHONE AND ELECTRIC WIRES AND OTHER CIVILIAN INSTALLATIONS WERE DESTROYED. TWO CARS BELONGING TO THE PALESINIAN RED CRESCENT WERE HIT. THERE ARE STILL MANY MISSING PERSONS. RESUCE TEAMS ARE STILL SEARCHING IN THE DEBRIS FOR VICTIMS. IT IS NOT KNOWN YET HOW MANY KILLED OR INFURED MAY STILL BE LYING THERE.

THIS ACT OF AGGRESSION IS A NEW LINK IN THE LONG CHAIN OF PREMEDITATED, UNJUSTIFIED AND SAVAGE ASSAULTS BY ISRAELI FORCES AGAINST CIVILIAN AND POPULATED CENTERS IN LEBANON. IT IS A NEW CHAPTER IN THE HISTORY OF STATE TERRORISM CONDUCTED BY THE RULING CIRCULES IN ISRAEL. THOSE CIRCLES HAVE SUNK WITH THEIR POLICIES TO A NEWLOW OF IMMORALITY AND INHUMAITY. THIS FEROCIOUS AND INDISCRIMINATE RAIDS AGAINST DEFENSELESS CIVILIANS AND REFUGEES HAVE PROVOKED THE ABHORRENCE AND INDIGNATION UNCLASSIFIED

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OF THE LARGEST MAJORITY OF MANKIND. IN AN HISTERICAL STAMPEDE FOLLOWING THE TRAGIC DEVELOPMENTS OF MAA'LOT, THE ISRAEL GOVT HAD TO FIND A SCAPEGOAT FOR AN ACT COMMITTED BY THREE PALESTINIANS, BORN IN PALESTINE AND OPERATING WITH AND FROM WITHIN ISRAEL. BECAUSE OF THEIR IDENTITY AS PALESTINIANS, INNOCENT PALES-TINAINS REFUGEES LIVING IN THE MISERY OF THE CAMPS AND SUFFERING THE INDIGNITIES OF EXILE AND HOMELESSNESS HAVE BECOME THE TARGETS

OF THOSE WHO HAVE CONDUCTED AGAINST THEM A SYSTEMATIC POLICY
OF GENOCIDE.

ISRAEL WHO HAS CHASED THEM OUT OF THEIR ANCESTRAL HOME
AND LANDS IS PURSUING THEM INTO THEIR EXILE.

THE LEBANESE PEOPLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR TRADITIONS
OF HUMANITY AND BROTHERHOOD AND WHO HAVE MADE OF THEIR COUNTRY
A LAND OF REFUGE, HAD BECAUSE OF THIS SPIRIT OF HUMANITY, TO
BEAR THE BRUNT OF ISRAEL INHUMANITY. THE ISRAELIS CANNOT ERASE
THEIR SENSE OF GUILT TOWARD THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE BY MAKING
LEBANON AND ITS PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFORMAL CIRCLE OF
VIOLENCE THAT IT HAS SET IN MOTION SINCE ITS INCEPTION.
THE BLOOD OF THE VICTIMS OF THIS VIOLENCE,
REGARDLESS OF THEIR ORIGIN, IS A BLOT ON THE CONSCIENCE OF THE
ISRAELI ADVENTURERS.

THE ISRAELI GOVT WHO HAS DEFIED THE PRINCIPLES OF THE
CHARTER OF THE UN, THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SC, THE TENETS OF INT'L
LAW AND THE NORMS OF INT'L MORALITY BEARS FULL RESPONSIBILITY
FOR CONSTANTLY DISTURBING AND THREATENING THE PEACE AND SECURITY
IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ITS CONSTANT VIOLATIONS OF LEBANON'S SOVER-
EIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND THE HEAVY TOLL IT IS
INFLECTING ON THE LEBANESE POPULATION, SHOULD BE REMINDERS TO
THE SC THAT UNLESS IT TAKES EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO REFRAIN
ISRAEL FROM ACTS OF AGGRESSION, THE CAUSE OF THE PEACE WILL
REMAIN CONSTANTLY ENDANGERED.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO REQUEST THAT THIS LETTER BE
CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION.

ADOUARD GHORRA

AMBASSADOR

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